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23 May 19

From: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron Composite ONE ONE ONE
To: Exemption (6) USN

Subj: PRELIMINARY INQUIRY INTO MESSAGE OF CONCERN INVOLVING
COMMAND MEMBER OF 22 MAY 2019

Ref: (a) JAGMAN, Chapter II
(b) SECNAV M-5510.36, Chapter 12
(c) DoD 7000.14-R

1. This appoints you, per references (a) through (c), to inquire into the facts and circumstances surrounding pre-disclosed text communication of 23 May 2019 involving a member of the squadron.
2. Investigate the validity of this message and any related claims of inappropriate behavior. Report your findings of fact, opinions, and recommendations in letter form by 31 May, 2019, unless an extension of time is granted. If you have not previously done so, read Chapter II of reference (a) in its entirety before beginning your investigation.

E. R. DUPONT

Enclosure (8)

29MAY19

FROM: [Exemption (6)] USN
TO: Commanding Officer, Fighter Squadron Composite ONE ONE ONE

SUBJ: PRELIMINARY INQUIRY SUMMATION INTO MESSAGE OF CONCERN
INVOLVING COMMAND MEMBER OF 22MAY2019

1. Interviews requests were sent to LCDR Matt Stettner, his wife [Exemption (2), (5), and/or (6)] and [Exemption (6)] [Exemption (6)] refused any interview or conversation in any manner, thus the conclusion of this inquiry is limited to the responses of the other parties only.
2. LCDR Stettner was interviewed 22MAY19 in VFC-111 spaces. LCDR Stettner was found to be calm, rational and professional and answered all questions deliberately with no delay.
3. LCDR Stettner was asked about unreported contact with [Exemption (6)]. His response was outside of occasional "bumping into at school", as his son and her daughter are both in the same class and remaining outside the 500' restriction is a non-sequitur, no contact outside the restrictions of the Military Protective Order of 26NOV18.
4. LCDR Stettner stated his log of contact is complete and accurate.
5. LCDR stated he has initiated divorce proceedings from [Exemption (2), (5), and/or (6)] and fully intends to marry [Exemption (6)] but insisted no contact has been made with Mrs. Woods since the invocation of the MPO that has not been disclosed in the contact log.
6. LCDR Stettner was shocked and disappointed in the message from [Exemption (6)] to [Exemption (6)] and attributed it to "crazy postpartum hormones" as this is out of character from [Exemption (2), (5), and/or (6)].
7. My communications with [Exemption (6)] were limited to a few text messages requesting an interview or meeting and her flat refusal of either. No voice conversations were had as she would not answer any phone calls and would only respond via text. No conclusions can therefore be made based on her lack of cooperation.
8. [Exemption (6)] responded to my request for a conversation nearly immediately and, again, like LCDR Stettner, answered all questions rapidly, without any pauses and did not waiver from her positions even when asked the same question in a different manner.
9. [Exemption (6)] stated there has been no contact between herself and LCDR Stettner outside of natural interactions with respect to the minor child they share. [Exemption (6)] She stated he has seen and spoken to LCDR Stettner "a few times" in the course of depositing her other minor child to school as her daughter and LCDR Stettner's son are in the same class, but such

interactions are unavoidable. She is aware of the MPO and understands its implications to LCDR Stettner should they be violated.

10. When asked about the message to [Exemption (6)] expressed great embarrassment and stated, "My intention were to cause [Exemption (6)] mental harm and show I would fight for [Exemption (2), (5), and (7)]. She also said her message was "crazy jealous" and she regretted sending it to [Exemption (6)] Stettner. She also stated the sexual acts, and contact referred to in the message did not happen as they were added just to "upset her more" as she had just found out [Exemption (6)] [Exemption (6)] intention to return to Key West.
11. [Exemption (6)] said she would sign any document required to disentangle LCDR Stettner as it was not her intention for this type of blow-back to reflect poorly on LCDR Stettner. She reiterated her deepest regret for sending the message in the first place and again stated no unauthorized contact has been made.
12. Without any counter-indications of wrongdoing, I can find no reason to doubt LCDR Stettner or [Exemption (6)] statements that the message was nothing but a fit of jealous rage created to upset Mrs. Stettner and demonstrate [Exemption (6)] intent to continue a relationship with LCDR Stettner. While I would have liked to discuss this matter with [Exemption (6)] outside of her witnessing any congress between LCDR Stettner and [Exemption (6)] my opinion would likely remain the same.
- [Exemption (6)]